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JANUARY 2011 CATTLE INVENTORY REPORT

SOUTH CAROLINA UP SLIGHTLY FROM LAST YEAR

All cattle and calves on **SOUTH CAROLINA** farms on January 1, 2011 were estimated at 385,000 head, the USDA, NASS South Carolina Field Office announced today. This number is up 1 percent from January 1, 2010 estimate of 380,000. South Carolina ranks 38th among all states while Texas ranks first at 13.3 million head with Kansas and Nebraska coming in second and third at 6.30 and 6.20 million head, respectively.

The total inventory of 385,000 head includes 184,000 beef cows and 16,000 milk cows. Also included are 16,000 bulls, 36,000 beef replacement heifers, 7,000 milk replacement heifers, 14,000 other heifers, and 17,000 steers, all weighing 500 pounds or more. Calves weighing less than 500 pounds totaled 95,000. The South Carolina calf crop for 2010 totaled 165,000 head, unchanged from 2009.

U. S. CATTLE INVENTORY DOWN 1 PERCENT

All cattle and calves in the **United States** as of January 1, 2011, totaled 92.6 million head, 1 percent below the 93.9 million on January 1, 2010. This is the lowest January 1 inventory of all cattle and calves since the 91.2 million on hand in 1958.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 40.0 million, were down 1 percent from the 40.5 million on January 1, 2010. Beef cows, at 30.9 million, were down 2 percent from January 1, 2010. Milk cows, at 9.1 million, were up 1 percent from January 1, 2010. Other class estimates on January 1, 2011, and the change from January 1, 2010, are as follows: All heifers 500 pounds and over, 19.5 million, down 1 percent. Beef replacement heifers, 5.2 million, down 5 percent. Milk replacement heifers, 4.6 million, up 1 percent. Other heifers, 9.8 million, up 1 percent. Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 16.4 million, down 1 percent. Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.2 million, down 2 percent. Calves under 500 pounds, 14.5 million, down 3 percent. Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots, 14.0 million, up 3 percent. The combined total of calves under 500 pounds, and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds outside of feedlots was 26.7 million, down 3 percent. The 2010 calf crop was estimated at 35.7 million head, down 1 percent from 2009. This is the smallest calf crop since the 34.9 million born during 1950. Calves born during the first half of 2010 are estimated at 25.9 million, down 1 percent from 2009.